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***"Straight Talk on High Gas Prices"***

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At gas stations across Florida, the consequences of our addiction to foreign oil are becoming painfully clear.

Gas prices have soared in recent months due to many factors, including the falling value of the U.S. dollar.

Unfortunately, no silver bullet solution will immediately lower gas prices, and those who think drilling directly

But don't get me wrong—domestic oil and gas exploration should be a component of any multifaceted energy

I also support opening up areas of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska to drilling. According

However, proponents of drilling must realize that oil deep in the ground has no direct link to today's gas

The bottom line: we cannot drill our way out of the energy crisis. We must develop a long term plan that

This Congress is making some inroads in this effort by implementing short term solutions to bring down

Also, my fellow Blue Dogs and I have outlined key energy principles that offer a comprehensive approach

As we work to combat high gas prices and establish a long term energy plan, we also must recognize th

In the end, there are many challenges and opportunities before us when it comes to our energy needs.

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